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(New claim) The double-stranded RNA of claim 101 wherein said one of said first and said 102. second oligonucleotides comprises from twelve to thirty subunits.

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103. (New claim) A mammalian ribonuclease having the activity of catalyzing the degradation of a double stranded substrate, wherein one of said strands of said substrate is a RNA and the other of said strands of said substrate comprises a compound having at least four consecutive ribofuranosyl nucleoside subunits having 2'-hydroxyl moieties thereon.

100 (New claim) The mammalian ribonuclease of claim 103 wherein the other of said strands 104. comprises a compound having from eight to tifty subunits.

101 (New claim) The mammalian ribonuclease of claim 103 wherein the other of said strands 105. comprises a compound having from twelve to thirty subunits.

REMARKS

Claims 43-46, 68-82 and 89-100 are pending in the present application. New claims 101-105 have been added, support for which can be found at, for example, page 7, lines 13 to 16, page 24, lines 5 to 27, page 24, line 33 to page 25, line 2, and page 26, lines 17 to 22 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 43-46, 68-82 and 89-105 will be pending.